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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] Conventionally, a database loader is used to load information to an E-commerce system. However, the database loader loads only tables.

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003]   In E-commerce systems, there are business objects (BO) which are resources. The business objects include information regarding payments, units, and credit cards, for example. Therefore, there is a need for a utility that is capable of receiving/sending information from/to the business object or restoring the business object on the other system.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013]   For a successful interaction with the import/export utility, the business object should be described in a data objects repository (DOR). The business object is implemented with three static methods - doImportExport, findByAttributes, and close. The doImportExport is a method to perform a particular import/export command. A name of operation and two lists of parameters are passed to the doImportExport. The business object is responsible for validation of the operation. The second parameter list in the doImportExport may be null since it is important only for updating the operations. The last parameter in each of the lists is an interface to support export operation. The doImportExport returns null if the operation was successful and an error string if the operation was not successful. If the error string is returned, then the returned error string is put directly into a discard file that will be returned to the user. The findByAttributes supports object references in import files. The findByAttributes receives a list of attributes of the validated object and returns a unique object identifier, such as GUID (Globally Unique Identifier), for example, or null if error occurs. The close method notifies the end of the process.

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Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014]   FIG. 3 shows the steps of <u>an</u> import/export session of the system according to the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016]   In step 22, an import file is selected by browsing local drives or typing <u>a</u> URL. The 'FILE' control is used in <u>a</u> browser interface, and a command line parameter is used for a list of files to be uploaded in <u>a</u> command line interface.

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